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Remarks

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Downs et al. in view of Kocher et al. In accordance with MPEP §706.02(l)1, Downs et al., which is commonly owned with the present application as evidenced by the assignment records of the Patent Office, is no longer is prior art. Accordingly, this rejection has been overcome.

Moreover, it does not appear that the references combined as proposed would result in the present claims. The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (619) 338-8075 for any reason which would advance the instant application to allowance.

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